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**From:** Scholl, James W (DOT)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 09, 2008 7:38 AM  
**To:** Bell, Leanne S (DOT)  
**Subject:** FW: The Juneau road is a bad idea

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**From:** Alaska Mountain Guides [mailto:climb@alaskamountainguides.com]  
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**To:** DOT STIP  
**Cc:** Palin, Sarah H (GOV); david.c.miller@fhwa.dot.gov  
**Subject:** The Juneau road is a bad idea

Dear DOT and Governor Palin,

Please do not push this road through. It doesn't make economic sense and the environmental costs is too high. I ask you to address the points below before committing more funds to this project.

- \* DOT has not identified \$244 million of its estimated \$374 million projected road costs.
- \* Remove the Juneau Access Project from the STIP until DOT can show a "reasonable expectation of full project funding".
- \* DOT cannot show a "reasonable expectation of full project funding" until it comes up with a realistic cost estimate.
- \* DOT cannot make a realistic cost estimate until the geotechnical work begun by Golder Associates is completed so that DOT knows where the final alignment will be, where tunnels are needed, the extent of blasting and retaining walls, and so on.
- \* Alaska can't afford this unnecessary road because there are more urgent needs for our dwindling transportation dollars.

Thanks for your consideration.

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